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Virginia Air Board  
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Dear Air Board-

The Virginia Air Board could have saved the taxpayers of Alexandria thousands of dollars in legal fees by heeding the guidance of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This could have been achieved by passing their consent form to permit Mirant to move forward with the much needed merge stack system. This system has been engineered specifically to protect the air quality of our city by combining the emissions of the five boilers and venting them at high velocities out of two of the stacks. This clever design will offer a satisfactory solution to everyone in the community.

As a retired pharmacist and resident of Alexandria for nearly twenty years, I consider the air quality of our region to be a threat to the health of our citizens. It is important that our city keep pace with the nation in our efforts to protect our environment. Although the power station may be quite old, Mirant has invested millions of dollars in state of the art equipment in their quest to bring the plant up to modern standards. They have not only succeeded in meeting today's DEQ permit limits; they have indeed surpassed their goals.

I urge that you vote to approve the permits required to allow the Potomac River Generating Station to proceed with the development of the merged stack system. This approval is necessary to ensure the energy needs of the area are met. We cannot afford the risk of our energy supply levels falling below the increased demand of our region.

Sincerely yours,



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